

Reclamation, Department of the Interior; Sam Varnado, Director, Information Operations Center, Sandia National Laboratory; K. P. Ananth, Associate Laboratory Director, National and Homeland Security, Idaho National Laboratory; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—BIODEFENSE FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Prevention of Nuclear and Biological Attack met in executive session to receive a briefing on Homeland Security Presidential Directive-10, "Biodefense for the 21st Century." The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—VOTING RIGHTS ACT—EXAMINE IMPACT AND EFFECTIVENESS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held an oversight hearing entitled "To Examine the Impact and Effectiveness of the Voting Rights Act." Testimony was heard from Jack Kemp, former Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; Joe Rogers, former Lieutenant Governor, State of Colorado; and public witnesses.

REBUILDING NEW ORLEANS—VISION AND STRATEGY

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment and the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management held a joint hearing entitled "A Vision and Strategy for Rebuilding New Orleans." Testimony was heard from Representatives Baker and Jefferson; the following officials of the State of Louisiana: Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Governor; Mitchell J. Landrieu, Lieutenant Governor; and C. Ray Nagin, Mayor, New Orleans; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: business meeting to consider recommendations which it will make to the Committee on the Budget with respect to spending reductions and revenue increases to meet reconciliation expenditures as imposed by H. Con. Res. 95, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006, revising appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2005, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 through 2010, 10 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine the potential of

stem cell and nuclear transplantation research, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine United States foreign policy relating to Iraq, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of David M. Hale, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety, to hold hearings to examine enhancing cooperation between employers and guardsmen/reservists, 2 p.m., SD-430.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine issues and implications regarding reporters' privilege legislation, 10:30 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights, to hold hearings to examine video competition in 2005, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive a closed briefing regarding certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on the defense health program overview, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, to mark up amendments to the Social Security Act, Welfare Reform regarding the Committee's Instructions pursuant to the Conference Report on H. Con. Res. 95, Establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006, revising appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2005, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 through 2010, H.R. 240, Personal Responsibility, Work, and Family Promotion Act of 2005 and H. Res. 467, Requesting that the President transmit to the House of Representatives information in his possession relating to contracts for services or construction related to Hurricane Katrina recovery that relate to wages and benefits to be paid to workers, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing entitled "Protecting Property Rights After Kelo," 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, hearing entitled "EIA's Report on Short-term Energy Outlook and Winter Fuels Outlook," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Energy and Resources, hearing entitled "Petroleum Refineries: Will Record Profits Spur Investment in New Capacity?" 2 p.m., 2203 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, hearing entitled "Federalism and Disaster: Response: Examining the Rules and Responsibilities of Local, State, and Federal Agencies," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing, and Terrorism Risk Assessment and the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, joint hearing entitled "The Department of Homeland Security Second Stage Review: The Role of the Chief Intelligence Officer," 3 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing on Policy Overview of the Caribbean Region, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, to mark up the following: a resolution Expressing the sense of the Congress upholding the Makah Tribe treaty rights; H.R. 323, To redesignate the Ellis Island Library on the third floor of the Ellis Island Immigration Museum, located on Ellis Island in New York Harbor, as the "Bob Hope Memorial Library;" H.R. 326, To amend the Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area Act of 2000 to adjust the boundary of the Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area and to extend the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance under that Act; H.R. 679, To direct the Secretary

of the Interior to convey a parcel of real property to Beaver Count, Utah; H.R. 1096, Act Commemorating the LITE;" H.R. 1183, To require the Secretary of the Interior to provide public access to Navassa National Wildlife Refuge and Desecheo National Wildlife Refuge; H.R. 1436, To remove certain use restrictions on property located in Navajo County, Arizona; H.R. 1564, Yakima-Tieton Irrigation District Conveyance Act of 2005; H.R. 1972, Franklin National Battlefield Study Act; H.R. 3443, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain water distribution facilities to the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District; H.R. 3818, Forest Service Partnership Enhancement Act of 2005; and S. 229, Albuquerque Biological Park Title Clarification Act, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing entitled "Status of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence," 9 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Select Bipartisan Committee to Investigate the Preparation for and Response to Hurricane Katrina, to continue hearings on Hurricane Katrina, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.